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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PORT SITUATION IN VIET NAM

1. AN EASTERN EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCE TOLD US APRIL 25 THAT PORT CONGESTION IN HAIPHONG WAS CURRENTLY VERY BAD. HE SAID THAT SHIPS HAD TO WAIT AS MUCH AS A MONTH TO SIX WEEKS TO UNLOAD. THE WAIT COST EACH SHIP AS MUCH AS \$4,000 A DAY.

2. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT THE DELAYS WERE CAUSED BY THE EXISTENCE OF ONLY TWO CRANES, ONE OF WHICH WAS USUALLY OUT OF COMMISSION. SHIPS THUS HAD TO USE THEIR OWN LIFTING GEAR. IN ADDITION TO THIS LACK OF EQUIPMENT, SHIPS HAD TO CONTEND WITH VIETNAMESE CONFUSION, DIS-ORGANIZATION, AND INEFFICIENCY.

3. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THE DIFFICULT SITUATION IN HAIPHONG, HIS GOVERNMENT WAS LOOKING MORE AND MORE TO DANANG AS A MEANS OF GETTING SHIPMENTS TO
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VIET NAM AND LAOS. DANANG COULD NOW HANDLE AS MANY AS SIX SHIPS AT ONCE OF SIZES UP TO 18,000 TONS.
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